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1. PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT HELD TWO PRESS CONFERENCES MAY  
13. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS REMARKS  
ON THE KHMER COMMUNIST SEIZURE OF AN AMERICAN CARGO SHIP.

2. MORNING SESSION

REPORTER: NOW THAT THE CAMBODIANS HAVE SEIZED AN AMERICAN CARGO  
SHIP, WHAT REACTION HAS BEEN DISPLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES?

KHUKRIT: IT IS NONE OF OUR BUSINESS.

REPORTER: AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN ARE NOW INDICATING THAT THEY WILL  
SUPPORT USE OF MILITARY MIGHT BY THE GOVERNMENT, IF CONGRESS APPROVES

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THAT THE GOVERNMENT USE MILITARY FORCE TO TAKE RETALIATORY

ACTION. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW?

KHUKRIT: I HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE MATTER AT ALL YET. I KNOW NOTHING AND HAVE ONLY JUST HEARD OF IT NOW.

REPORTER: IN THE EVENT OF ARMED FORCE BEING USED AGAINST CAMBODIA, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, WOULD ARMED FORCES FROM OUR BASES BE USED?

KHUKRIT: I HAVE ONLY JUST BEEN INFORMED OF THE MATTER. SHOULD I ANSWER YOUR QUESTION NOW, I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT WE MUST NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY WAY AT ALL...

REPORTER: WILL YOU INVITE THE AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO COME AND FOR UNDERSTANDING TO BE REACHED?

KHUKRIT: YES. THAT ACTION MUST BE TAKEN AT ONCE.

### 3. AFTERNOON SESSION

REPORTER: WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT WITH MR. MASTERS?

KHUKRIT: OH\* ON THE SUBJECT OF SEIZING A SHIP, OF FIRING ON A SHIP. I ASKED FOR INFORMATION, IN CASE MR. MASTERS HAD ANY DETAILS. THE AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY MORE DETAILS THAN THE NEWS REPORT KNOWN OF ALREADY. THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT THIS MATTER IS OF VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE, CONCERNING AMERICAN SOVEREIGNTY. DIPLOMATIC MOVES ARE BEING MADE AT PRESENT, IN ORDER TO HAVE THE SHIP RETURNED, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

REPORTER: THROUGH WHAT WAY WILL NEGOTIATIONS BE HELD?

KHUKRIT: DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE HELD, BUT THEY WILL MOST PROBABLY HAVE TO BE HELD THROUGH A THIRD COUNTRY. THERE ARE NO DETAILS YET, BUT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOT BE HELD THROUGH US. I ALSO INFORMED THE AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN REGARD TO THIS MATTER, IN REGARD TO THIS SITUATION, THAT SHOULD DIPLOMATIC MOVES NOT PRODUCE RESULTS, AND SHOULD ANY RETALIATION BE TAKEN IN THE FORM OF RECOURSE TO WEAPONS OR MILITARY ACTION, THE THAI GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT IT IS A MATTER BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CAMBODIA ONLY. THE THAI GOVERNMENT ALSO WILL

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NOT BE INVOLVED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. I REQUESTED HIM TO ACCEPT THIS INFORMATION, THAT IT DOES NOT CONCERN THE THAI GOVERNMENT. THEREFORE, AND FOR THIS REASON, THE THAI GOVERNMENT IS NOT ABLE TO PERMIT THE USE OF U-TAPAO IN THIS MATTER, REGARDLESS IN WHAT OR ANY WAY. HE ACCEPTED THIS INFORMATION WITHOUT DEMUR AND MADE AN ASSERTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH IT. THIS IS ALL.  
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